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SEMI-WEEKLY SOUTH KENTUCKIAN.

CHAS. M. MEACHAM, Editor

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1884.

Senator Blackburn says he has received 800 letters from Kentucky office-seekers asking for his influence in their behalf.

James Higgins, an ex-convict of Vincennes, Ind., has fallen heir to a fortune of \$50,000, left him by a deceased uncle in Baltimore.

The Princeton Argus says a country editor is "a queer sort of those jack of all kinds of men." Then he must be a veritable whatisit.

Judge Kincaid has arrived at New York with the remains of Joel T. Hart, the sculptor, brought from Italy, where he had been interred for years.

The wife of editor Pulitzer, of the New York World, invited 220 children to Florence Hall Christmas day and distributed \$1,500 worth of presents amongst them.

Tramps are sometimes too progressive. They have begun to say: "I was a government clerk in Washington, but was put out when Cleveland took charge."—Ark. Traveler.

Sarah Althea Hill agreed to become the mistress of Senator Sharon, of Nevada, for \$500 a week and now the court has decided that the contract was a legal marriage and the woman is granted a divorce and a division of the millionaire's property. This beats that Millersburg affair in 1850.

The South Kentuckian will receive on New Year's day. Price \$2 per annum, cash in advance. We will keep open house and hope to see many of our friends and furnish them with our autograph attached to a subscription receipt.

Mahone is making his arrangements to make the race for Governor of Virginia next year with John S. Wise as his running mate. If the Legislature should be Republican, Mahone would succeed himself and let Wise become Governor. Virginia Democrats say the scheme will not work out, and that Mahone can never regain his lost power by any means.

Miss Sarah A. Hill, of San Francisco, claiming to be the wife of Ex-Senator Sharon, has had her suit for divorce and a division of his property decided in her favor. The Senator is worth \$10,000,000, but the law only allows her half of the accumulations of the last four years, the time during which the alleged marriage contract existed. The defendant will appeal to the higher court, although his attorney says the property subject to division would not exceed \$10,000.

Our subscribers have not had their supply of news cut off during the holidays. We have worked as usual while everybody else was enjoying himself and resting from the cares of business. We feel that we have redeemed our pledge, made at the beginning of the year, to give the people the best newspaper ever published in Hopkinsville. We have worked harder to merit the good will of the public, and to make our journal worthy of support, than ever before. And now at the end of a year of toil we ask you again to give us a helping hand. If you are a patron now, continue so. If you have borrowed the paper from your neighbor, send us two dollars and receive it next year yourself. If you are a stranger to the South Kentuckian, give it a fair trial—a year, six or three months—and if you do not like the paper its visits will cease. We send it only for cash, and thrust it upon no one after his time is out. With these few remarks we wind up the sixth volume and announce ourselves as candidates for public favor during the year 1885. With the coming volume we will complete our seven years of servitude in the interest of the city of Hopkinsville, the county of Christian and the people of southwestern Kentucky. If the people show a proper appreciation of our efforts, we may find it necessary by another year to again increase the frequency of the South Kentuckian's visits to its friends.

With this number the sixth volume of the South Kentuckian is finished. During the last fourteen months the paper has been issued semi-weekly. As will be seen from the number, we have published 105 papers this year, for the low price of \$2.00. The South Kentuckian is the cheapest paper in the state, at the price. We are gratified to state that our semi-weekly has met with an encouraging patronage during the current year and an evidence of the appreciation of its readers is the fact that very few subscribers fail to renew their allegiance, while many new names are being added to our list. The people are gradually realizing the superior advantages of two papers a week at the price of one. We will use every endeavor to make the paper still better next year and we confidently expect an increased patronage. We began the semi-weekly somewhat as an experiment and while many have sustained us in our undertaking, others have not shown a disposition to encourage a spirit of enterprise. We hope to merit and receive the support of those who have hitherto withheld their approval during the coming year. We ask your support not as supplicants, but promising to give you value received for every dollar invested.

KENTUCKY KNOWLEDGE.

Viney Cecil, col., dropped dead of heart disease, at Danville.

A little negro girl was burned to death in Anderson county last week.

Jesse Hilton, aged 21, was found dead in his bed, in Simpson county.

Two young ladies are typos in the office of the Catlettsburg Democrat.

The State Teachers' Association will meet in Louisville on the 29th, 30th and 31st.

Dr. S. F. Smith has started a temperance paper at Frankfort, called "Truthful Witness."

The Madisonville Gleaner has changed its publication day from Friday to Thursday.

Miss Ada McSwine died at Bowling Green Friday, from burns received on the 13th inst.

At London, Laurel county, three couples were married by one ceremony, Christmas day.

Owen Taylor, col., was shot and killed by an unknown mulatto in a Louisville saloon.

The Owensboro gas is so inferior that the Messenger advises consumers to turn it off and burn coal oil.

Only three newspapers of Kentucky in 1847 now exist under the same names and titles, viz: May-vile Eagle, Paris Citizen and Frankfort Yeoman.

\$9,000 in fines that Gov. Blackburn neglected to remit before he went out of office two years ago has just been collected from Louisville gamblers.

The steamer Vint Salunkle was burned to the water's edge at Columbus Thursday. No lives were lost.

Gen. R. L. Williams, of Owensville, a brother of Senator Williams, died suddenly in New Orleans last Wednesday.

Harlan Taylor, town marshal of Morganfield, was shot and killed by Sam Holman, Tuesday, whom he was trying to arrest. Holman escaped.

Mr. Jacob White has sold the Clinton Times to Mr. Winbush Henderson, who will move the office to Columbus and start a paper.

John Vaughn, aged 25, was burned to death at Branson, while drunk before the fire in a cabin. The house was also burned.

The Elizabethtown News used the Second Chapter of St. Matthew as a Christmas Address for its carrier.

There was no truth in the report of four more deaths last week as the result of the Stocum mob at Horse Cave.

There are 70 producing coal mines in Kentucky, some of them working 400 men. Six are canal coal and the rest bituminous. The average wages of a miner is less than \$20 a month, according to inspector Norwood's estimate.

A Danville physician, who was out on a professional call a few days ago discovered the young people at the house he was visiting "popping" the seed of the sugar cane, and on an invitation to partake was astonished to find the seed of the cane made as nice "captains" and were fully as palatable as the grains of the regular "popcorn," so popular at this season of the year.—Danville Advocate.

James Smith and his wife Phoebe who left Barren county last week for Texas are the parents of eleven children, the oldest 10 years and 2 months and the youngest 7 months old. There are four sets of twins and all of the litter but one are living. Mrs. Smith is 30 years old and has been married 12 years.

The Louisville Commercial says: Miss Mary Caldwell of 121 Madison Avenue, New York, has donated \$300,000 toward the establishment of such a national Catholic University as was recommended by the Pleary Council at Baltimore. Miss Caldwell comes of a Louisville family and is extensively connected throughout the State. She is the daughter of Mr. Shakespeare Caldwell, who married in 1835, Miss Elizabeth Breckenridge, of Louisville, famous for her beauty and accomplishments. She was the daughter of James D. Breckenridge. His wife was a Miss Grayson, of Bardstown.

On the 10th of January, 1885, W. L. Reeves, Master Commissioner for Todd county, will sell the old Davis homestead, at Fairview, now belonging to the heirs of A. J. Kemner, dec'd. The place is to be sold to settle up the Kemner estate and for distribution. There are 281 acres to be sold of this property—the house with ten acres—will be sold separately. The house is the identical house in which the great political gladiator was born. The name of Jefferson Davis is canonized in the heart of every true Confederate. He was a mighty leader in the greatest civil convulsion of modern times, and he retired from the great conflict only when all was exhausted and the last shot was spent from the Southern locker. We hope the homestead will fall into the hands of a worthy man, that it will be preserved as being "the birthplace of a chieftain who gave all he had for local self-government and constitutional liberty."—Todd County Progress.

"What are you taking my boots out of here for?" asked a gentleman of his negro servant. "What, is dese yer boots, boss?" "You know they are, you trifling rascal. What are you going to do with them?" "Wall, I 'clare for goodness, boss!" dropping the boots. "I thought da wuz de skutlens an' I thought da I'd go down arter some coal, sah. Cuths how a man can be 'ceired."—Ark. Traveler.

Girola; or the Three Black Cloaks.

This celebrated opera will be presented to-morrow evening at the return engagement of the Ford Opera Company. It is the best thing booked for this season and those who saw the company in the "Orange Girl" a week or two ago will not fail to see the piece to-morrow evening. Miss Zella Seguin is the star and this is a guarantee that the leading role will be well sustained. We bespeak for the company a full house. Seats now on sale at Holland & Rodgers' confectionery at \$1.00. Apply early and secure good seats. It is just the kind of a piece to draw well.

The Hopkinsville South Kentuckian has invented an ingenious method of punishing newspaper borrowers. It has determined to publish a doggerel in each issue at the head of its local columns. The humane editor has enough consideration for his regular subscribers to advise them, at their own peril, not to peruse his poetical effusions. If the initial verse be a sample of what is to follow, dynamite as an element of destruction would not be a circumstance.—Owensboro Messenger.

OLE BULL'S VIOLIN.

Gaspar da Salo, the only violin maker who can be called the equal of Joseph Gauderius, lived and worked at the commencement of the sixteenth century. He made a violin with so much care, and was himself so well satisfied with his work, that he desired Benvenuto Cellini to carve the neck. The head of the instrument is formed by a lovely cherub's face, which is supported by a smaller head and bust of a maiden, the features being of exquisite workmanship. The rest of the neck is most beautifully cut and gilded, and the colors are clear and bright, though they are now over 300 years old, as the instrument was made in 1532. The wood from which Gaspar da Salo chose his material grew on the mountains between Brescia and Verona, where it was so finely developed by the even temperature prevailing there that the veins of the wood are exactly an even distance apart.

The mountains of Brescia are entirely denuded of trees. It is impossible to find such wood elsewhere, and the instruments of this master are unique in this respect, and cannot be imitated. Cardinal Andebrandini bought Gaspar da Salo's and Benvenuto Cellini's violin for 3,000 ducats, and presented it to the Treasury of Innsbruck, from which it got its name of the "Treasury violin," which it has since retained. When Innsbruck was invaded by the French in 1803 it came into the possession of a soldier, who gave it over to Rhacek for the insignificant sum of 400 gulden. In 1839 Ole Bull visited Rhacek, saw the violin, and bid all he possessed for the instrument, offering, as well, the proceeds of the concerts he was then giving in Vienna. "Give me the fourth of Vienna, and then we will see," was Rhacek's reply. But he promised the artist if he ever parted with it he should have the preference.

Two years later, in Leipzig, Liszt and Mendelssohn were dining with Ole Bull, and while they were sitting at a table the servant brought in an envelope bearing a great seal, which the host put one side. "Open your letter," cried Liszt, "it has a large seal, and may be important." It proved to be from the son of Rhacek, and imparted the news of his father's death, and that "a clause of his will directed that the Treasury violin should be sent to Ole Bull." The delighted artist told the good news to his friends. "What a wonderful violin it must be to cost so much money," said Mendelssohn. "We must play the 'Kreutzer Sonata' together the first time you use it in public." When the instrument came it was found that there was no bar in it, and it had, therefore, never been played upon. As soon as possible it was put in order, and, as Mendelssohn had suggested, it was consecrated to art by the playing of Beethoven's Sonata.—New York World.

THE COURSE OF A LIGHTNING FLASH.

Prof. Tait, of Edinburgh, insists that when people think they see a lightning flash go upward or downward they must be mistaken. The duration of a lightning flash is less than the millionth part of a second, and the eye cannot possibly follow movements of such extraordinary rapidity. The origin of the mistake seems, he says, to be a subjective one, viz., that the central parts of the retina are more sensitive, by practice, than the rest, and, therefore, that the portion of the flash which is seen directly affects the brain sooner than the rest. Hence a spectator looking toward either end of a flash very naturally fancies that end to be its starting point.

A NASHUA man left a cannon ball on the grass in front of his house, and sixteen boys, nine middle-aged men, and two claps that were bald-headed, and one woman who had pretty stockings on, mistook it for a foot-ball; and the men hopped around and made up faces and swore profusely, and the woman tried to look as though she merely pushed it to see what it was, as she limped away.

ARTIFICIAL PEARS.

In France a pearl costing \$16 is now imitated for 50 cents or \$1, and so successfully as to be sold at the price of the genuine article to any one not a veritable expert, and even the latter class are often puzzled. The artificial pearl, however, is simply a glass bead or globe which is first coated on the inside with a glue made of parchment, "essence," after which it is filled with wax. The essence is the chief pearly ingredient, and is obtained by rubbing together whitefish, so as to remove the scales; the whole is then strained through linen, and left to deposit its sediment, which is the essence in question. It requires about 17,000 fish to produce a pound of the pearly essence.—New York Home Journal.

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